

# U.S. WILL NOT BUY CUBAN SUGAR CROP

President Won't Use Part of Power Given in McNary Measure.

The Cuban sugar crop will not be bought, it was announced in a formal statement issued by Secretary Tumulty at the White House last night. Following is the text of the White House statement:

"The following memorandum with reference to the sugar situation was made public at the White House tonight by the Secretary to the President:

"January 3, 1920.

"On the basis of the facts presented and the conclusions reached by the Sugar Equalization Board, the President has decided that the authority conferred by the McNary sugar act, passed December 20, so far as it involves the purchase and distribution of the Cuban crop by the Government, would not be exercised by repeating the operation of the Government's purchasing and controlling the Cuban sugar crop for another year under war powers came up for active consideration in August, 1919. At that time there was an expectation that the treaty of peace with Germany would be ratified within a reasonable time and that peace conditions would reappear.

Against Buying Crop.

"There appeared to be a very definite view on the part of Congressional leaders that the exercise of war power should not be extended another year. There was dissent by one member of the Board of Equalization from the conclusion reached at that time by the majority of the board that the control should be further exercised. His view was that it was desirable to return to normal conditions and that a beginning in respect to sugar should be made.

"The majority of the board was definitely of the opinion that the Cuban crop should not be bought unless it was clear that its purchase and this could not be made certain without action by Congress.

"The President had not reached a conclusion in the matter when he started on his Western trip and was taken ill. On October 3, the Equalization Board, through its President, expressed to the Senate committee its view that the Cuban crop for 1920 should and could be purchased provided the powers of control heretofore exercised by the board were continued in full until December 31, 1920, thus enabling the board to act that the consumers should secure a fine sugar at a reasonable price. The board at that time felt that it could renew its contract with the Cuban and American producers as well as with the refiners. No action was taken by the Congress until December 20.

Much Sold Overseas.

"Conditions have now so changed that the members of the board do not believe that action by it under the provisions of the act of Congress referred to offers a solution of the problem of securing a regular supply of sugar for the people for the year 1920 at a reasonable price.

"The board has had no contract with the Western beet or the Louisiana sugar cane producers for the new 1919-20 crop, which began to come into market in the fall and therefore, from October 15 the control which the board could exercise applied only to the remainder of the 1919 Cuban sugar crop which it had purchased and which was deliverable on or before November 30, 1919.

"A considerable quantity of the Cuban crop of 1920 has already been

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By JEAN KNOTT.



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reassure and to American refiners. One of the elements which helped materially to make the board's action for the 1919 crop effective no longer exists. The board was able to deal with the unified Cuban selling agency for the 1919 crop and to secure and control the entire crop.

No Authority to Sell.

"Now there is no person or committee authorized to sell the balance of the 1920 Cuban crop. Therefore, if the Government of the United States through the board should appear in the Cuban market as a purchaser of the sugar it would have to buy in individual lots, to compete with private buyers, and the tendency would be to strengthen the market and further increase the price.

"Furthermore, it would be compelled to buy sugar at the time of the most adverse market conditions and maximum prices and to seek to stabilize the price on the basis of this maximum or risk a very considerable financial loss.

Furthermore, the act of Congress limits the control of the board over domestic sugar to July 30, 1920, and should the board succeed in purchasing a large quantity of Cuban sugar for delivery throughout the year 1920 the board would find itself in the position of trying to maintain a uniform, reasonable price over the whole country, with no control whatsoever over the large quantities of sugar from Hawaii and Porto Rico, which come in mainly after June 30, and over the new Louisiana and Western beet sugars, and this, too, at the time of the year when, if at all, absolute control of all sugars by the board would be essential.

In addition, the act forbids the board from putting into effect its present system of zone distribution, under which consumers get their supply from the nearest and most convenient points of production. This system was most useful during the year 1919 in effecting a fair distribution of available sugar.

Little Chance For Price Cut.

"The conditions in the United States in respect to sugar are such for January, February, and March that there would be little hope of the board's being able to reduce the price of sugar by purchasing the Cuban crop and attempting to re-establish control of the industry. It is possible that when the flow of raw sugars from the large crops of Cuba and Porto Rico reaches its peak in March and April, prices may be somewhat reduced.

The refiners' price is now 15.20 cents per pound wholesale, which is a considerable reduction from the first offerings of sugar refined from new cane sugars. The offerings of refined sugars for February deliveries are at 15.50 cents per pound wholesale, and still further reduction for March, which indicates a tendency in the industry toward settling down to normal conditions.

The recent act keeps alive the licensing power of the board, providing that whenever the President shall find that any storage charge, commission, profit or practice of any licensee is unjust or unreasonable or discriminatory or unfair, he may order the discontinuance of the same, and, if necessary, find what is a just and fair charge, profit or practice. This power will be invoked if necessary, and, exercised in co-operation with the Department of Justice, will be of assistance in preventing profiteering.

Consumption Too High.

"Apparently the supply of sugar available for consumption in the United States will be sufficient to meet the demands of the consumers, even on the present unnecessarily large basis of consumption. The United States, it is estimated, consumed in 1919 about ninety-two pounds for each person, as against a normal consumption of eighty-five pounds. It consumed 600,000 tons of sugar more than in 1918 and 300,000 tons more than were ever used in the history of the country. It consumed, therefore, over 9,000,000,000 pounds of sugar, or slightly more than 4,500,000 tons.

The crops for Louisiana, Porto Rico and Hawaii will aggregate approximately 2,000,000 tons. Of the Cuban crop it is estimated that the allies will take approximately 1,250,000 tons. They might take more but for the fact that their aggregate purchasing power is limited and they must use it not only for sugar but for many other foodstuffs and many raw materials and manufactured commodities. It is apparent, therefore, that the amount of sugar from which America draws her supplies will be large.

"It is interesting to note the pro-

## NAVY SURGEON FAILS IN FLIGHT TO SAVE YOUTH

Airplane in Which He Was Speeding to Wounded Boy Falls.

NORFOLK, Jan. 4.—Despite heroic efforts made to save the life of Edward Gray, seventeen years old, who was injured while hunting with a companion near Avon, N. C., the boy died. Gray, who was home from school for the holidays, was the son of prominent people.

He was injured while hunting on an isolated island, and as there were no physicians near, the navy was appealed to for aid. Dr. W. F. Crouse was sent from the Norfolk navy yard by aeroplane. Several nurses went with him. The machine, which was carrying six persons, broke down and fell in Chirrituck sound and its occupants were rescued by life savers from the coast guard station No. 180.

The machine could not be repaired in time for the doctor to reach the wounded boy and a second appeal was made to the navy.

Captain Chadwick, commanding the coast guard service, sent the dispatch boat Carolina, but it was 20 hours before she reached Avon. The boy was taken to Washington, where he was placed in a hospital. He died soon after reaching the institution. The Carolina took the body back to Avon.

## NUN-LIKE DRESSES FOR FRENCH WOMEN

PARIS, Jan. 4.—French women may be forced into wearing a nun-like uniform if plans announced today by leading ladies' tailors materialize.

The plan is a part of the government's efforts to reduce the cost of living.

Following the successful attempts of the government to influence the men's tailors to produce uniform, ready-made, blue, black and gray suits, for 125 francs apiece, it now is planned to create similar economies for women.

The government, and especially the ministry of marine, possesses huge stocks of cloth. The plan is to use this material in making shirts, children's clothes and other garments at prices ranging from 90 to 110 francs apiece.

TO BUILD NEW SCHOOL.

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Jan. 4.—Dr. J. Patterson, chairman; Prof. Thomas B. Symons, Prof. F. B. Bonner, comprising the building committee of the College Park Home and school association, and the local board of trustees, Prof. T. L. Tallant, T. L. Mead and J. E. Metzger, are about completed the contract for the construction of a two-story school building here. The county board of education has appropriated \$10,000 for the school.

## THINK PROTOCOL TO BE SIGNED BEFORE JAN. 13

Plan to Complete Peace Negotiations by January 6 Has Been Given Up.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—Signing of the protocol and final exchange of ratification which will make peace effective with Germany will not take place sooner than January 13, it was indicated.

The plan to complete the long peace negotiations on January 6 virtually has been given up, it was said, owing to the illness of Kurt von Lersner, the German emissary, and the fact that Premier Clemenceau is on a vacation in the Department of War.

Latest advices here said Clemenceau has consented to become an honorary member of the Senate, but still refused to announce whether he would be a presidential candidate.

WILL INVITE DEMOCRATS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The city council has adopted a resolution directing Mayor Thompson to appoint a committee of ten aldermen to appear before the Democratic national committee when that body meets in Washington, D. C., January 8, and extend a formal invitation for the party to hold its national convention in Chicago next summer. The Republican national convention will be held in Chicago June 9.

## NEWS OF ROCKVILLE AND NEARBY COUNTY

ROCKVILLE, Md., January 4.—

Rev. George B. Harrington, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Barneville, this county, officiated at the marriage yesterday of Miss Alice E. Harris, of Washington, and George Paul Diederich, of Sellman, the ceremony taking place in St. Mary's Church, Rockville.

Miss Martha Fawcett, for many years a resident of Colverville district, died a few days ago at the home of relatives in Washington, aged eighty years. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Gray, of Washington. Miss Fawcett was a sister of the late Benjamin Fawcett, one of this county's most prominent citizens.

The Rockville postoffice, which for many years was located in the Lydane building, several days ago was moved to the Reisinger building, opposite the courthouse. The building has been equipped with all modern conveniences.

Prof. Bomberger, of the Maryland State College, delivered an address in the assembly hall at the high school building yesterday on home economics.

## GALLI-CURCI LOVES U.S. BETTER THAN HUSBAND

Famous Singer Desires Divorce Since Views on America Are Widely Divergent.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Amelita Galli Curci, coloratura soprano of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, who is suing her husband, Luigi Curci, for divorce, "loves America," especially Chicago, according to three depositions filed here today.

Luigi Curci, however, stated he considered America a good place to make money, but no place to live, according to the depositions. He said American women had no morals—they have one husband today and another tomorrow.

The depositions containing these assertions said to have been made in conversations by the two principals in the suit, were given by Dr. Harrison H. Fryette, his wife Myrtle and Max Pam, director and chairman of the executive committee of the Chicago Grand Opera Company.

VAST ARMY STORES SOLD.

During the three months ended December 31 a total of 36,533,521 pounds of army food supplies for distribution to the public throughout the country were shipped from the various supply bases, as mail matter, the Postoffice Department announced today.



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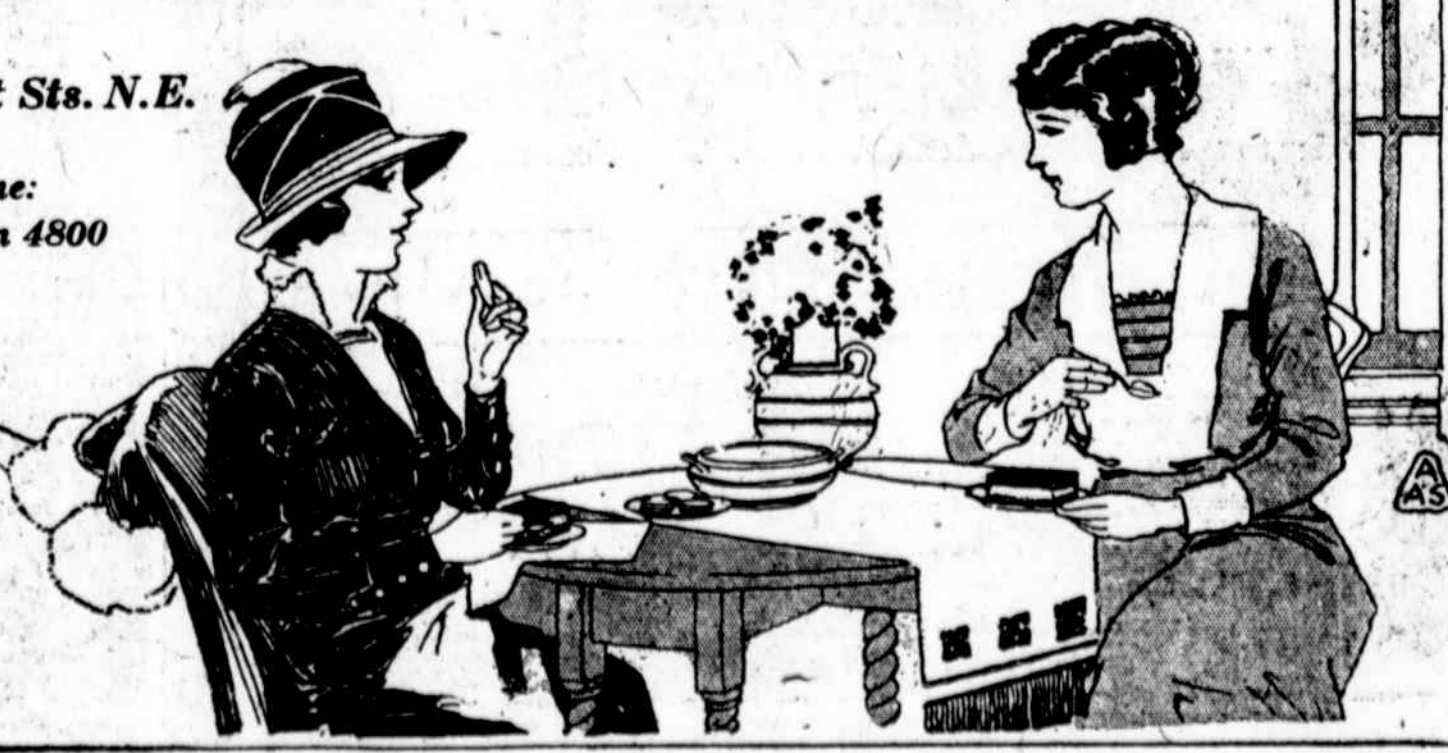
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## MRS. GRACIE FIGHTS FOR DAUGHTER'S ESTATE

Files Cross Bill Against Son-in-law Asking That All Property Be Turned Over to Her.

Complying with an order signed December 22 last by Chief Justice McCoy, of the District Supreme Court, Mrs. Constance Shack Gracie, widow of Col. Archibald Gracie, has filed an amended cross bill against her son-in-law, Dunbar B. Adams, individually and as administrator of the estate of his wife, Edith Temple Gracie Adams, and the Security Storage Company, in her suit for the estate of her deceased daughter, Edith, claiming that the latter died either intestate or left a will which was destroyed, leaving her, Mrs. Gracie, sole heir.

Mrs. Gracie, represented by Attorneys Hattie Taylor and Hattie Taylor, Jr., alleges that at the time of the death of her daughter, her son-in-law, Dunbar B. Adams, made a "false and fraudulent statement to the surrogate's court of Suffolk county, New York, as to domicile at the time of his wife's death," which he said was Islip in Suffolk county. Mrs. Gracie declares that her daughter never lived at that place, but that Adams thus obtained from the surrogate's court letters of administration on the estate of his wife, and that "upon that basis unlawfully and fraudulently obtained from the District Supreme Court letters of administration which have been improperly labeled 'ancillary letters of administration' upon the estate of said Edith in this District."

Mrs. Gracie asks that an order issue by the court requiring Adams to deliver to her all of her daughter's property and to enjoin him perpetually from ever getting up a title to the property by reason of any statute existing here or in New York, vesting certain rights in the husband in the property of the wife in the event the wife dies intestate. She also wants the Security Storage Company to hand over to her all property in its keeping belonging to her daughter.

RACE FOR AUTOGRAPHS OF FAMOUS ACTRESSES

A friendly race for autographed photographs of actors and actresses is taking place between members of the Washington Actors' Memorial Day committee.

These photos are to be prizes to be awarded to the one who sells the greatest number of tickets for the benefit performance in this city January 27, the one who obtains the highest price for any one ticket, and the third for the member who turns in the biggest aggregate amount of money.

William I. Evans, of the District officials' committee, announces the following members of his committee: F. V. A. Brown, Leo Zwisler, J. A. Teichert, James E. Chamberlain, and A. A. Riomor.